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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1617

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For: PROTECTION OF  
KERATINOUS FIBERS USING  
CERAMIDES AND/OR  
GLYCOCERAMIDESAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2002, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend claims 8, 35, and 52 as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

-- 8. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein said at least one compound chosen from ceramides and glycoceramides is chosen from:

- N-linoleoyldihydrosphingosine,
- N-palmitoyldihydrosphingosine,
- N-stearoyldihydrosphingosine,
- N-behenoyldihydrosphingosine,

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